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Mr. Allen Dulles
Director, Central Intelligence
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Since my conference with you on 17 December, I have discussed the subject of "Agreed Activities" with members of my staff. The major Army commanders and I are of the opinion that the real need is for a clarification of NSCID #5 and not an "Agreed Activities" paper.

As you know, the proposed agreement has as its basis NSCID #5 and if consummated would be corollary thereto. It now appears that many officials in the intelligence community believe events have overtaken the basic policy reflected in NSCID #5 and that this directive is out of date, as well as focus, with the realistic demands for military intelligence collection today. I appreciate your viewpoint that the Army should continue to make whatever contribution it can in the clandestine collection field. I believe the Army can contribute even more, but the language of NSCID #5 has often served to hinder rather than assist this effort because of the varied interpretations thereof, the provisions of NSCID #2, and the provisions of the National Security Act of 1947.

The need for coordinated operations to avoid inadvertent compromise and unprofitable duplication is perfectly clear to me. A possible device to effect clandestine coordination would be the exchange on a reciprocal basis of experienced personnel at appropriate command levels should NSCID #5 be revised so as to define the responsibility and the fields in which the Military Services and CIA would operate in clandestine collection.

Furthermore, in effecting coordination at the National level, I believe that the IPC would be the acceptable mechanism to be used by the representative members of the intelligence community. This would require some revision of the IPC charter.

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